

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Charles Larsen et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3679  
Appl. No. : 09/865,125 )  
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For : PICKET FENCE AND RAIL )  
MOUNTING SYSTEM )  
Examiner : Victor L. MacArthur )

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction / Election Requirement mailed on August 27, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claims ~~31-37~~ without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-30 and 38-42, drawn to a picket fence; and
- II. Claims 31-37, drawn to a method of making a fence.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, including Claims 1-30 and 38-42. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled Claims 31-37 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these and other similar claims in later filed applications.